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I am appalled that the states are continuing action against Microsoft. It is simply improper for the states to serve as lackeys for the likes of Sun and Oracle against the interests of the consumer. Of all the corporate abuses that affect me financially, Microsoft is very low in the list.

I've been in the computing business for most of my working career and have seen the huge benefits to the industry that Microsoft has facilitated. The standard platforms that Microsoft has provided make it possible for my company to succeed against much larger competitors, by minimizing the advantages of size and drastically shortening the development cycle. Price of servers is coming down drastically due to the availability of Windows platforms and Microsoft databases. Compare the prices of Microsoft based servers with a Sun/Oracle of similar capability. And Microsoft hasn't lowered prices to gain share only to raise them later. You should be looking into Airline fare pricing for this abuse.

Give it a rest. Get out of the way of my business, you're hurting me.

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